

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Status

Claims 1-6, 8-28, 30-50, 52 and 54 are pending in this application, claims 7, 29, 51 and 53 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer in the Amendment filed on September 17, 2003. Further to the amendments and remarks set forth in that previously filed paper, Applicants herein further amend claims 5, 65, 27 and 28 to correct inadvertent informalities in these claim in the interest of consistency with the language of the other claims as presented in the September 17 Amendment.

CONCLUSION

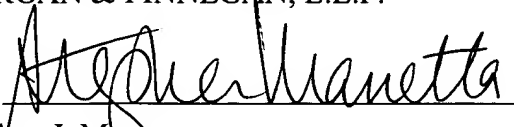
Applicants respectfully submit that, for the reasons stated in the September 17 Amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe no fees are required for this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4670.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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